

January 2, 2018
Clinton Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

The regular January meeting of the Clinton Township Board of Supervisors, immediately following the reorganization meeting, was called to order by Chairman Ken Coles on January 2, 2018 at 7:48 PM at the Clinton Township municipal building. Chairman Kenneth Coles, Vice Chair Brian Non and Supervisor Russell Curtis were present.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Hearing Check /Meeting is audio and visual recorded – Announced.

C. Public Comment – Items on the Agenda Only – No comments were made.

D. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 29, 2017– Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to approve the minutes of the year-end meeting of December 29, 2017. Carried unanimously.

E. Road Master Report – Road Master Brian Non said that a replacement for the yellow 2012 Ford needed to be put out for bid and that bids would be due at the township building by 5:00 on the date of the next township meeting. Specs for the truck would have to be the same because that truck came with differences such as a landscaper's body vs. a construction body. He stated that Wayne County Ford said it could be replaced for the amount of \$53,000 plus. Matt Curtis inquired about purchasing a used state truck as was discussed at the last meeting. Supervisor Curtis said that the state used to get rid of them in ten years and that now they hold on to them for twelve to fifteen years. Chair Coles said that what works for one township doesn't always work for another. When asked about grant possibilities, Chair Coles said that James Martin was working on things and he noted that what qualifies Clinton I for grants often becomes disqualified by Clinton II and vice-versa. Matt Curtis stated that the responsibilities of the Supervisors are: 1. Health and safety of the residents, and 2. Fiduciary responsibility. Matt Curtis was emphatic that in 2017 the Supervisors were an absolute failure on the part of fiduciary responsibility. Marianne Thorpe interjected that South Canaan roads are terrible. Road Master Non said that there were two trucks plowing last year and that people are accustomed to roads being done by 7:00 AM. Supervisor Curtis noted that salt does not work when the temperature is below 26 degrees and that even when plowing of roads is rented out; Clinton Township is still ultimately responsible. Matt Curtis stated that when the township enacted the wage tax the bar was raised. Chair Coles said that he wanted the road master to have the payroll done by the third of each month to give time for inspection before voting for approval. Vice Chair Non said that he was aware of a grant for 15% of up to \$50,000 and that he would look into it.

F. Open Issues

A. New Business

- a. **2017 Clinton Township Audit –** Supervisor Curtis made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Non to keep the audit in house. Carried unanimously.
- b. **PSATS Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Award Program is only for projects completed in 2017 and has a March 2, 2018 deadline. – Announced.**
- c. **DCED is now accepting Small Water and Sewer grant applications. The deadline is February 28, 2018. –** Chair Coles said that this has been turned over to grant writer Martin.
- d. **DEP has just announced an upcoming ACT 101, Section 902 Grant Round for Recycling Program Development & Implementation projects for which counties and municipalities are eligible to apply. The application for the first round is due April 7, 2018. –** Chair Coles stated that he did not want the township to have anything to do with recycling as you would need someone to police it. At this time it was noted that, regarding the dumpster, Franceski was sold

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out to County Waste. Supervisor Curtis said he would call around and get the three best prices and this would be addressed at the next meeting.

- e. **There will be a Watershed and Community Resiliency Workshop on January 17, 2018 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Wayne Conservation District, 648 Park Street, Honesdale, PA - Announced.**

- B. **Treasurer's Report Including Bills for Payment** –Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis to pay the bills as submitted by Treasurer Droppa. All voted yes. The motion carried.
- C. **Browndale Fire Department** – No Browndale Fire Department representative was present.
- D. **Public Comment** – Auditor Bonnie Johnson asked if one of the auditors could have a key. Vice Chair Non said that he would have a copy made and give it to Bonnie. Matt Curtis asked about a Township road plan. Chair Coles said that he had talked to the engineer and he expected that we would see it by the next meeting. When asked about the issue of road bonding, Chair Coles gave an update, stating that according to PSATS it is legal, according to how it is worded. PSATS would send a sample ordinance that could be adopted after being looked at by Solicitor Jeff Treat. Matt Curtis asked about junk cars at the top of the mountain to which Ron Poska said that if they have a business, they may need a junk yard permit. Chair Coles said that one or two Supervisors would need to pay a visit, with the understanding that three unlicensed vehicles are allowed.
- E. **Adjournment** – Chair Coles made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. All voted yes. The motion carried.